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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ELECTION PROJECT

1. IN REVIEWING CPP WHICH 'AS RECEIVED IN CU/ARA AUGUST 5,
E NOTED POSSIBLE ELECTION PROJECT BEGINNING OCTOBER 9 FOR
AD AND COPEI LEADERS. ALTHOUGH WE UNSURE EXACTLY WHAT TYPE
PROGRAM POST MAY HAVE IN MIND OR IF THIS IS STILL YOUR PLAN,
WE DID ANT TO ALERT YOU THAT PROGRAM AGENCIES ALREADY
BOOKED SOLIDLY THROUGH MID-OCTOBER.

2. AT OUR REQUEST VPS HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE TENTATIVE
READJUSTMEHT WHICH WOULD ALLOWGROUP TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER
11, A HOLIDAY, AND 9EGIN PROGRAMMING OCTOBER 12. VPS CAN
NOT HOLD THIS DATE OPEN, HO'EVER, BEYOND C.O.B. AUGUST 13.

3. IN PAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE
TO SECURE APPOINTMENTS 'ITH CANDIDATES OR THEIR CHIEF
AIDES. NOR HAVE AGENCIES BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE SATISFACTORILY
REQUESTS FOR ITINERARIES WHICH WOULD PERMIT GRANTEES TO
FOLLOW CANDIDATES AROUND. 'HAT 'OULD BE POSSIBLE IS A

SHORT WASHINGTON PROGRAM INCLUDING A SPECIAL THREE DAY
SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON THE ELECTORAL PROCESS FOLLOED BY
VISITS TO PERHAPS TWO OR THREE STATES TO OBSERVE CAMPAIGN
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AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS. PROGRAM COULD

END NOVEMBER 7 AS YOU MENTIONED.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. HABIB

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